

REMARKS

The specification was amended to correct typographical errors.

The rejection of claims 1-17 is obviated by this amendment. Support for the new claims can generally be found at page 8 of the specification.

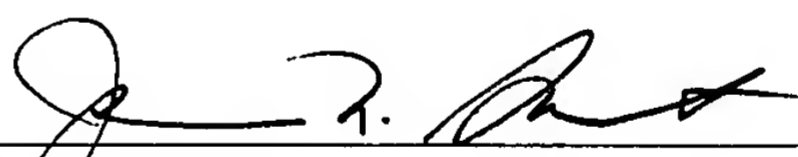
These claims are distinct from claims in prior applications and should not be interpreted in view of remarks filed in the prior applications.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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